

Appl. No. 10/660,985
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006. Claims 1-78 (incorrectly listed as 1-76 in the Office Action) were pending in the present application. Claims 3, 6, 7, 12, 14, 17, 18, 23, 26, 31, 40, 43, 46, 47, 52, 54, 57, 58 and 63 are allowable. This Amendment amends claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9-22, 24-31, 40-52, 54-58, 63-67, and 69-71; and cancels claims 5, 32-39, 53, 59-62, and 72-78; leaving pending in the application claims 1-4, 6-31, 40-52, 54-58, and 63-71. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Claims

Claims 3, 6, 7, 12, 14, 17, 18, 23, 26, 31, 40, 43, 46, 47, 52, 54, 57, 58 and 63 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6, 40, and 54 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and addressing the §112 issued discussed below, such that these claims should be in condition for allowance. The other allowable claims depend from claims that as amended should be in condition for allowance, such that these claims also should be in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the objection with respect to claims 3, 6, 7, 12, 14, 17, 18, 23, 26, 31, 40, 43, 46, 47, 52, 54, 57, 58 and 63 be withdrawn.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 13, 24, 32, 41, 53, 64, and 72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, these claims are rejected as not sufficiently describing the "first piece of information," "recorded information," "source document," and "matching document" (OA pp. 3-4). As amended, these claims either no longer recite such terminology, or have additional description recited therein to clarify the meaning of such terminology. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are sufficiently

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definite and respectfully request that the rejection with respect to claims 1, 13, 24, 32, 41, 53, 64, and 72 be withdrawn.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-78 (erroneously listed as 76) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Horowitz* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,122,647). Applicants respectfully submit that *Horowitz* does not disclose each element of these claims.

For example, Applicants' claim 1 recites a method for storing information for recorded information and a source document, the method comprising:

determining a first portion of the recorded information, the recorded information including at least one of audio, video, and image information recorded during a presentation of a plurality of information sources;

determining at least a first electronic source document from one or more electronic source documents that includes information corresponding to at least one of the information sources presented during the recording of the first portion of the recorded information, the information in the first electronic source document including at least one of text, image, audio, and video information; and

storing information identifying the recorded information, information representative of the first portion of the recorded information, and information identifying the first source document such that the first source document can be accessed using at least one of the information identifying the recorded information and the information representative of the first portion of the recorded information

(*emphasis added*). Such limitations are not disclosed by *Horowitz*.

Horowitz discloses a system for dynamically generating contextual hyperlinks, in a source document, to other documents in response to the content of the source document, or a selected portion thereof (col. 2, lines 42-61). A linguistic analysis of the source document (or portion thereof) is done to identify terms of interest, and using these terms a number of contextual links are made between the source document and the related documents (col. 2, lines 52-61). The terms themselves serve as the anchors for the hyperlinks (col. 2, lines 62-67).

Horowitz does not disclose recorded information as recited in Applicants' claim 1, wherein the recorded information includes at least one of audio, video, and image information recorded during a presentation of a plurality of information sources. *Horowitz* discloses source documents, but not information recorded during the presentation of a plurality of information sources.

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Horowitz also does not disclose electronic source documents that include information corresponding to at least one information source presented during the recording of the recorded information as recited in Applicants' claim 1. As *Horowitz* does not disclose recording information during a presentation, or the corresponding recorded information, *Horowitz* cannot disclose source documents that correspond to material presented during the recording of the presentation.

Horowitz also does not disclose the ability to access corresponding information in a source document using information for the recorded information, or to access corresponding information in the recorded information using information for the source document, or portions thereof. *Horowitz* teaches linking from a source document to other source documents based on associated topics and tags (col. 6, lines 28-59). *Horowitz* does not disclose recording the presentation of source information, then automatically linking, or storing information for, corresponding portions of the source documents for that source information to the corresponding portion(s) of the recorded information.

For at least these reasons, *Horowitz* cannot anticipate Applicants' claim 1 as amended, or the claims that depend therefrom. The other pending claims recite limitations that similarly are not disclosed by *Horowitz*, such that *Horowitz* cannot anticipate these claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection with respect to claims 1-78 be withdrawn.

IV. Amendment to the Claims

Unless otherwise specified, amendments to the claims are made for purposes of clarity, and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims or limit any equivalents thereof. The amendments are supported by the specification and do not add new matter.

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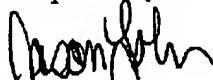
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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